GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS - PR&RD Department – Allegation of diversion and misutilization of Sand of 17333.19 Mts in quantity worth Rs.65.00 lakhs in PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem of Prakasam District meant for construction of Government priority building works - Disciplinary proceedings initiated and Articles of Charges framed against Sri G.Ratan Babu, the then Dy.EE, PRISD, Yerragondapelm and presently working as EE, PIU, Ongole and (3) others - Written Statements of Defense received -Appointment of Inquiring Authority and Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.383 Dated:20.05.2025.

Read the following:-

1.Letter No.Vig.II(1)/665/2023, dt.21.10.2023 of ENC, PR along with the letter, dt.26.09.2023 of Collector, Prakasam District.
2.G.O.Rt.No.443, PR&RD (Vig-II) Dept., dt.07.08.2024.
3.G.O.Rt.Nos.444-447, PR&RD (Vig-II) Dept., dt.07.08.2024.
4.Letter No.Vig.III/665/2023, dt.22.11.2024 & dt.05.02.2025 along with WSsD of four (04) Charged Officers.

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ORDER:-

On the allegation of diversion and misutilization of Sand of 17333.19 Mts in quantity worth Rs.65.00 lakhs in PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem of Prakasam District meant for construction of Government priority building works, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj vide reference 1st read above, has informed that there is a prima facie evidence against the following Panchayat Raj Engineers' involvement in misuse of sand quantity to a tune of 17,333.19 Mts worth of Rs.65.00 Lakhs, causing loss to the Government exchequer:-

i. Sri G.Ratan Babu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapelm and presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU, Ongole.

ii. Sri N.Venkateswarlu, Site Engineer, M.P.P., Tripuranthakam & Peddaraveedu, O/o.Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem.

iii. Sri P.Mahankalaiah, Assistant Executive Engineer, MPP, Yerragondapalem, O/o.Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, Praksam District.

iv. Sri T.Nagappa, Assistant Engineer, M.P.P., Pullalacheruvu, O/o.Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, Praksam District.

2. Accordingly, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 2nd read above, duly framing articles of charges against the above four (04) Charged Officers under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide references 3rd read above respectively with a direction to submit their written statements of defense.

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3. In the references 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, has furnished the written statements of defense of four (04) charged officers, wherein, all the charged officers have denied the articles of charges framed against them.

4. After examination of the matter, the Government have taken a decision to conduct regular inquiry into the charges framed against four (04) charged officers, since the defense statements of the charged officers are found not convincing.

5. Now, therefore, Government in exercise of the powers conferred by the Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Ongole as Inquiring Authority (IA) to inquire into the charges framed against the above four (04) Charged Officers.

6. The Government also hereby appoint the Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Markapur, Prakasam District as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority in support of the articles of charges framed against the said Charged Officers under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. The Presenting Officer shall acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiring Authority effectively on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority. He is also requested to obtain and produce documents, if any, required by the Inquiring Authority during the course of inquiry without referring the matter to the Government.

8. The Inquiring Authority is requested to conduct inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit report as required under Rule (18) (ii) of the above said Rules, within three (3) months. Copies of Articles of Charge issued to the Charged Officers and their written statements of defense are furnished herewith to the Inquiring Authority as required under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Ongole (I.A.) (w.e)
The Executive Engineer, PRI SD, Markapur, Prakasam Dist. & P.O. (w.e).
The individuals concerned **Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchyat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.

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